APDRP towns in the country of which 163 towns have brought AT & C losses below 15 per cent.

Electricity sub-stations for rural electrification

839. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be Pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Rural Electricity Distribution Backbone (REDB) of 33/11 KV sub-station in each Block for speedy rural electrification;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when such sub-stations are likely to be set up and the time-limit by which the work of rural electrification is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) *inter-alia* provides for creation of Rural Electricity Distribution Backbone (REDB) of 33/11 KV sub-stations of adequate capacity and lines in blocks where these do not exist.

(c) RGGVY envisages setting up of such sub-stations and other rural electrification works in the country by 2009.

Hydel power projects in Uttarakhand

†840. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of hydel power projects in Uttarakhand which would start generating power from 2007-08 along with the power generation capacity of each project;

(b) whether the power generation target set by the State during the Tenth Five Year Plan has been achieved; and

(c) if not, the details of steps likely to be taken to remove the difficulties being faced in achieving this target?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL .KUMAR SHINDE) (a) to (c) As informed by Central Electricity Authority, only one Hydro Electric (HE) Project namely Maneri Bhali Stage-II HE Project of capacity (4x76 MW = 304 MW) is programmed to be commissioned during the year 2007-08 in Uttarakhand.

A target of 304 MW of hydro capacity addition was set by the State from Maneri Bhali Stage-II HE project in the State Sector during Tenth Five Year Plan. However, this target could not be achieved due to delay in completion of major civil works *viz.* head race tunnel, surge shaft, etc. of Maneri Bhali Stage-II HE Project.

The completion of civil works is being expedited by the contractors and generating units are likely to be commissioned during the current year in December 2007, January, February and March, 2008 respectively.

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